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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOUTH CITY IMPROVEMENT CLUB.

The Club Is in Active Operation and Residents and Property Owners in South City Invited to Become Members.

A meeting of the South City Improvement Club was held last Monday evening in the court room of Judge McSweeney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Executive Committee, to whom the matter of preparing a constitution and by-laws was referred, reported progress and were given another week's time in which to make a report.

In the matter of lighting up the streets of South City, the Executive Committee reported that arrangements had been made with the local power and light company to place lamps along Grand Avenue in the business section, and that the matter of lighting up the residence section would be attended to later. The club desires residents of South City who want lights in their neighborhood to inform the committee as to location and number of lights wanted.

It was brought to the attention of the club that there should be better fire protection in the northern part of town. Fire Commissioner Langenbach explained that owing to the extension of the time in which to pay taxes there is no money in South City's fire tax fund. As soon as the fund is replenished, a new fire house will be placed in that part of town in which a hose and cart will be located.

W. J. Martin reported to the club that he had conferred with the officials of the United Railways, and asked them to place a cluster of electric lights at the railroad crossing at the foot of Grand Avenue.

The matter of improving the sidewalks on Grand Avenue leading up from the Southern Pacific depot was taken up and discussed. Supervisor Eikerenkotter informed the club that he will shortly improve the sidewalks on San Bruno Avenue, which is a county road, by lowering the grade. It will be necessary to take away several loads of dirt, which can be used to fix the sidewalks on Grand Avenue. It is expected the local land company will then put a coating of crushed rock on the dirt thus placed, thereby making good gravel walks. This will be an improvement very badly needed.

The matter of sending delegates to represent the club at the next meeting of the Peninsula League was then brought up. After some discussion the election of delegates was put off until a later meeting.

It is expected that a strong effort will be made at the League meeting to have commuters' rates down the Peninsula materially reduced.

Supervisor J. Debenedetti, of Half Moon Bay, who was present, was called upon to make a few remarks. He stated that he was pleased to see so much energy and enthusiasm on the part of the club in their efforts to improve conditions in South City, and that he would, as a Supervisor in conjunction with Supervisor Eikerenkotter, assist in every way possible in improving county roads in the vicinity of South City.

The matter of giving an entertainment and dance for the purpose of raising funds for the use of the club

COUNTY STATISTICIAN SUBMITS HIS REPORT

Lengthy and Complete in Every Detail—Forwarded to the State Agricultural Society at Sacramento.

Good Showing for San Mateo County—Roads Improved—Large Products of Factories—General Increase Over Report of Last Year.

H. O. Heiner, San Mateo County's statistician has completed his annual report upon which he has been working for some weeks. It is lengthy and complete in every detail. The Supervisors have accepted it and forwarded it to the State Agricultural Society.

The report shows that there are 750 miles of public roads in the county, upon which the sum of \$87,639.92 was expended during the year. The sum of \$10,000 was spent on bridges.

The grain produced was 10,363 tons, valued at \$382,000. There were 21,550 tons of hay, worth \$323,000.

There are 72,400 fruit trees in the county, 183,000 grape vines, and 165 acres of berries. The fruit and vegetables raised in the county is valued at \$415,996. There were 50,000 gallons of wine produced.

The product of the dairy industry amounted to \$465,512.10. There are 40,000 head of live stock, 6,200 dozen chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys, valued at \$74,400. There were 177,000 eggs produced, and these, together with the chickens, are valued at \$61,625.

The timber land and timber of the county is valued at \$2,800,000.

The product of the factories during the year amounted to \$9,056,335.

The report shows a vast increase over the one of last year.

was taken up, and on motion a committee of three were appointed to make preparations for same and report at next meeting. The committee appointed are: Thos. Hickey, W. C. Schneider and C. T. Connelly.

The club wishes it generally known that all residents and property owners in South City are cordially invited to attend its meetings and become members.

The next meeting will be held Monday evening, December 23d at Judge McSweeney's court room.

STREET CAR WRECKED

The Motorman and Three Passengers Bruised in Accident.

Saturday night, December 14th, just after the car left the packing house and while running at a high rate of speed it crashed into a box car at the stock yards crossing. The car had only three passengers, Jos. Bean, a kiln burner for the Steiger's Pottery; Val Dervin, night engineer for the Western Meat Company and one of the firemen whose name we did not learn. Why the accident occurred is not known as the night was a clear one. All parties were badly bruised by the impact and more or less cut by flying glass. Dervin and Bean being bruised and cut all over their bodies.

The conductor, Dupre, whom it was alleged was running the car, was badly bruised and was taken to the Plymouth Hospital. The car was almost a total wreck, the entire front part being jammed and crushed into a mass of splinters.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK TOLD IN BRIEF

Prof. G. E. Britton made a business trip to Redwood City last Tuesday.

Mrs. Captain C. S. Cooley was in Palo Alto the fore part of the week owing to the illness of relatives.

Geo. W. White, of Vista Grande, was a visitor to South City on Monday.

Copies of the special edition of THE ENTERPRISE can be obtained at this office at 10 cents each.

Mrs. Maud Shortridge and daughter Gladys of Berkeley, were in town Tuesday visiting Mrs. Carrie McIntyre and family.

South City was well represented at the masquerade ball given by San Mateo Aerie No. 440, F. O. E., Saturday evening last.

A license was issued on the 19th in San Francisco for the marriage of Harry Cavassa, of South City and Lillie Hofers of San Francisco.

The merchants of South City will keep their stores open all day Sunday for the accommodation of Christmas shoppers. On Christmas day the stores will close at 12 o'clock.

Rev. W. A. Clark, of San Diego County is visiting his brother-in-law, J. L. Wood of this place. Mr. Clark, like Mr. Wood, is a veteran of the civil war.

See the new ad of F. A. Martin in this issue. His store is at 224 Grand Avenue. He will keep a fine assortment of candies, bread and pastries. A fine waiting room for ladies.

The half tone picture labeled "Chas. Coombes" in Pike and Coombes' advertisement in the special section of THE ENTERPRISE should be labeled Arthur Coombes.

Mr. A. Lund, of San Bruno, was a visitor to South City Thursday. He says San Bruno is progressing rapidly. Mr. Lund is agent for the South San

Francisco Mill and Lumber Company at that place.

Chas. O. King, a prominent citizen and business man of San Luis Obispo, paid our town a visit on Thursday of last week and was greatly pleased with the resources and prospects of this young industrial city.

Wm. McMullen, of Los Angeles, a government meat inspector at the Cudahy meat packing plant at that place, and formerly of South City, was a visitor to South City on Wednesday. He says he and his brother Tom are getting along very nicely.

F. A. Martin's candy store and ice cream parlor at 224 Grand Avenue opened today. All kinds of Christmas candies will be on sale. The children are especially invited, as there will be a Christmas tree and many presents will be given away to them. Orders will be received for all kinds of bread and pastries. d21-1t

The merchants on Grand Avenue were busy on Friday cleaning up the street and gutters in front of their places of business, so that the avenue is much improved in appearance. The gutters should be lowered so that the rain water will run off rapidly.

The lantern that was taken from the hose house on Linden Avenue some time ago has been recovered by Patrolman Kneese. Fair warning is given that if anything further is taken from the house the offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The employees at Fuller's plant are anxious to have the street car service extended to the factory. To this end they have appointed a committee consisting of J. J. McDonald, Chas. F. Iago and Harry Edwards to present their views on the subject, W. J. Martin having promised to do all in his power to carry out the wishes of the 250 people interested. It is hoped the additional convenience will be provided.

Another Road to South City.

The Southern Pacific Company has a number of surveyors engaged in surveying for a single track railroad from the Dumbarton bridge along the marsh to South City to connect with the four track system. There will be fifteen miles of track to lay and work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The company realizes that it could not get all its overland freight trains over the double track system from Redwood City to San Francisco as it would in all likelihood congest the passage of the passenger business. It is likely that all the freight will go over the single track while the passenger traffic will be handled over the double track from Redwood City.

To Hold Important Meeting.

The Peninsula Promotion League will hold an important meeting in Redwood City within the next two weeks. W. J. Martin of South City is president and C. N. Kirkbride of San Mateo secretary. The league will pay particular attention to the matter of commutation rates. A petition signed by all the commuters of the Peninsula asks the Southern Pacific Company to reduce its rates. A monthly ticket may be purchased from San Francisco to North Berkeley for \$3 while from San Mateo to the city it is \$9 and yet the difference in the distance is only four miles. The league believes that such discrimination should not exist and will do all it can to have rates reduced all along the line from San Francisco to Sunnyvale. The league takes in all the territory between South City and Sunnyvale including these two towns.

Is Palo Alto Jealous?

South City people want a train leaving there at 9 or 10 o'clock for San Francisco in order that, as THE ENTERPRISE says, "so that a business man could leave at a suitable hour and get home before lunch." Why go to the city at all? What could a fellow do in San Francisco in an hour other than get a drink and have his shoes shined. —Palo Alto Citizen.

Since the above item appeared in THE ENTERPRISE, a 9:23 a. m. train has been put on the bay shore cutoff. A South City business man can take that train, arrive in San Francisco at 9:40 a. m., do a whole lot of business, catch a 11:40 train for South City, where he will arrive at 11:57 in time for a home lunch. See!—Ed.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

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SOUTH CITY RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

BAY SHORE CUTOFF.

NORTHBOUND TRAINS.

6:23 A. M.
7:23 A. M.
(Except Sunday)
7:43 A. M.
9:23 A. M.
1:03 P. M.
3:03 P. M.
5:23 P. M.
6:23 P. M.
7:03 P. M.

SOUTHBOUND TRAINS.

6:37 A. M.
7:17 A. M.
8:40 A. M.
10:57 A. M.
11:57 A. M.
2:20 P. M.
3:37 P. M.
4:37 P. M.
5:57 P. M.
6:17 P. M.
6:37 P. M.
8:37 P. M.

POST OFFICE.

Post Office open from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. Sundays, 8 A. M. to 9 A. M. Money order office open from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. Mails leave Post Office thirty minutes before trains.

* NORTHBOUND DISPATCH.

11:48 A. M.
8:43 P. M.
7:03 P. M.

† SOUTHBOUND DISPATCH.

6:37 A. M.
11:57 A. M.
8:17 P. M.

* Mails from south arrive.

† Mails from north arrive.

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COUNTY OFFICIALS

Judge Superior Court..... G. H. Buck
Treasurer..... P. P. Chamberlain
Tax Collector..... C. L. McCracken
District Attorney..... J. J. Bullock
Assessor..... C. D. Hayward
County Clerk..... Joseph H. Nash
County Recorder..... John F. Johnson
Sheriff..... Robert Chatham
Auditor..... Henry Underhill
Superintendent of Schools..... Roy Cloud
Coroner and Public Adm..... Dr. H. G. Plymire
Surveyor..... James B. Neuman

Officials—First Township

Supervisor..... Julius Elkerenkotter
Justice of the Peace..... A. McSweeney
Constable..... Bob. Carroll
Postmaster..... E. E. Cunningham
School Trustees..... Tom Mason, Duray Smith

Grace Episcopal Church.

Sunday School..... 10 a. m.
Service of Holy Communion every third Sunday of each month at 11:15 a. m.

Grace Guild meets every alternate Friday for an all-day session at Guild Hall.

Junior Guild and sewing school meets every Saturday in Guild Hall at 2:00 p. m.

Mrs. W. J. Martin, President of Guild.

Mrs. Jennie P. Frost, Superintendent of Junior Guild.

St. Pauls Methodist Episcopal Church

(Cor. Grand and Maple Aves., one block from Post Office.)

Regular Sunday services—Sermons at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School classes for all ages at 10:00 a. m. Epworth League of C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday at 8 p. m. The public is made cordially welcome at all our services.

"A home-like church."

EDWIN D. KIZER, Pastor.

Subscribers, Attention!

As special inducement to increase the subscription list of THE ENTERPRISE the management has decided to offer at an additional cost of \$1.00 the Sunset magazine for one year, together with the "Road of a Thousand Wonders" and the Town and Country Journal. Any one wishing these papers with THE ENTERPRISE can obtain them by paying \$3.00 in advance.

For Sale

A lodging house of 21 rooms, all newly furnished. (A five year's lease) for sale. Sickness cause of sale. Inquire of E. E. Cunningham & Co.

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He Knew Her.
The conductor looked at the thin man.

"Do you see that stout woman at the other end of the car, the one with the monkey hat?" he asked.

"I think I see the one you mean," the thin man responded.

"There, she's looking this way," said the conductor. "Well, sir, I admire that woman."

"You do?"

"Yes, I do. She may have a squint and wear bad fitting clothes and big shoes, yet I admire her."

"Why?"

"She knows how to get off a car the right way, and that's why. She's too stout, and her hair is ratty, and she hasn't any taste, but when she steps down from the back-platform I never worry. I know she'll land all right. I'm dead sure she isn't going to sit down in the mud and ask me for my number. That's why I admire her. Here she comes now. Watch her when she gets off."

The stout woman came down the aisle and briskly descended to the street. And the conductor, with his hand on the bell rope, winked approvingly at the slim man.

Then the stout woman looked around. "Come, George," she called, and the slim man meekly followed her.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Simple Minded Kurds.

Some of the peculiar traits of the Kurds of Asia Minor are described by a traveler: "If it were possible to imagine two colors more distinct than black and white it would be possible to imagine two characters more widely differing than those of the Arab and Kurd. The pure Kurd is the most unsophisticated and gullible person in the world so long as you keep away from the material issues. His respect for a man who can read and write is almost pitiable. The Kurds are on the whole blunt and somewhat uncouth, silent and quite incapable of falsehood. If they do wrong—and they often do—they admit the fault in the simplest and most unaffected way. I had a muleteer who was honest, civil and incorrigibly idle. 'Did you ever kill a man?' I asked him one day. 'Yes; sixteen on the Khazat road when I was a deserter from the army,' came the reply in a voice absolutely unmoved. 'You were a robber?' 'Yes, but now, praise be to God, I am married and a muleteer.'

No Chesterfield.

A Boston man was praising the late Earl of Dunmore.

"Lord Dunmore," he said, "was a good man. Tall and robust and supple, I can see him still with his short gray beard and his kind face. His only fault—a fault due to his aristocratic upbringing, no doubt—was the exaggerated value that he set upon correctness. He insisted in correctness in eating, in dress, in everything."

"At a dinner in Beacon street once I heard him tell a story about an incorrect self made man, or 'nouveau riche,' as he called him. This man was dressing one night to go out. His wife bustled into the room before he started to look him over."

"'But, George,' she said reproachfully, 'aren't you going to wear your diamond studs to the banquet?'"

"'No. What's the use?' George growled. 'My napkin would hide 'em anyway.'"—New Orleans States.

Proof of Brains.

Mr. Travers, the famous New York wit, once met at dinner a pompous Englishman who was "doing" the States. He had letters aplenty attesting his importance—letters from Gladstone, Dilke, Salisbury and Churchill. He had talked everybody tired before the dinner began, and Travers saw visions of a bad meal when he discovered the Englishman to be his neighbor at the table. There was never a stop in the fellow's tongue. When the oysters were brought on he began: "Now, it is a question as to whether or not the oyster has brains. Scientists dispute the idea." "T-t-t-they certainly have some," retorted Travers. "Your proof, sir!" challenged the Briton, eager for argument. "W-wh-wh-wh-wh, sir, the o-o-oyster knows h-h-how to shut up."

Uplifting the Savage.

We have received the following spic analysis of British civilizing procedures in Africa from a young Egyptian from Tanta, who shows dramatic aptitudes. The title of his communication is:

A TRAGEDY IN SIX ACTS.

Act 1.—The missionary.
Act 2.—Whisky and pale ale.
Act 3.—The Maxim gun.
Act 4.—A newspaper.
Act 5.—Cricket and football.
Act 6.—Death of the last aborigine.
Finis.—Band plays "Rule Britannia."

—Egyptian Standard.

Resented.

The Scotchman (during an argument)—Hoot, man, hoot! The Irishman (hotly)—Shure an' O'll not hoot. Do ye take me for a bloomin' owl?—London Scraps.

Christmas Suggestions

GIFTS FOR LADIES

Toilet Cases
Manicuring Sets
Photo Albums
Post Card Albums
Perfumery
Bureau Scarfs
Hand Bags
Fancy Handkerchiefs
Fancy Back Combs
Fancy Collars
Pin Cushions
Furs
Shirt Waists
Umbrellas
A fine assortment of writing paper in Fancy Christmas Boxes
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes

GIFTS FOR MEN

Shaving Sets
Cuff and Collar Boxes
Military Brushes
Gold Cuff Buttons and Neck Tie Pins
Black and White Silk Mufflers
Suspenders in Fancy Boxes
Neck Ties in Fancy Boxes
Silk Initial Handkerchiefs
Umbrellas
Fancy Slippers
Sweaters and Golf Shirts

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Doll Buggies and Beds
Dolls
Agate, Tin and China Dishes
Stoves, Pianos, Work Boxes, Sewing Sets and Toilet Cases
Autograph Albums and Post Card Books
Trains, Tool Chests, Drums, Blocks, Wagons, Paints, Rubber Toys, Wheelbarrows
Stick Horses
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Trunks
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To Manufacturers

The earthquake did but little damage to South San Francisco. The industries located here, the Western Meat Company, the Wool Pullery, the Butler Brick Company, the Pacific Jupiter Steel Company, the Steiger Pottery Works, the W. P. Fuller White Lead Works, and other enterprises, are all in full operation to-day. Not one of them having suffered any serious impairment by reason of the earthquake.

The South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company planned South San Francisco as a manufacturing suburb of San Francisco. With that object in view they originally purchased 3500 acres of land in San Mateo county on the bay front five miles south of the City of San Francisco, and have developed their property so that to-day they possess perfected nearly every feature desired by manufacturers.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Is a railroad terminal; it is on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad and accessible to all railroads; has deep water communication; owns and operates for its industries, a railroad connecting with the Southern Pacific and the water front; has electric street car service from factory to town and direct to San Francisco; has an Electric Light and Power Company; owns an independent water works, and has an abundance of fresh water for factory and house; has wharves and docks; a perfect sewerage system; a bank; a town hall; and a population of 3000 people; an extensive and fine residence district, where workingmen may secure land at reasonable prices and on favorable terms, as homes for themselves and their families.

FACTORY SITES

Can be obtained from the South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company on most reasonable terms.

The American Smelting and Refining Company recently purchased from this Company 200 acres of land and are on the ground to-day arranging for the immediate construction of a plant costing upward of \$5,000,000. This means a vast increase in population, and a great augmentation for the benefit of all industries of every detail pertaining to rail and water communication.

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RESIDENTS of South City are requested to furnish this office with any news items that they know of from time to time. There is a letter box attached to our front door, in which written items can be placed. Please write on one side of paper and sign your name to it. THE ENTERPRISE desires to print all the local happenings, and the people of South City can be of material help.

The best Christmas gifts do not cost the most.

What do you think of the special edition of THE ENTERPRISE? It was printed in our office, too.

After the first of the year the stores of South City will be closed after 8 p. m.

According to a census bulletin the population of the United States in 1906, including insular possessions, was 93,182,240. The prospect of passing 100,000,000 by 1910 is good.

We are proud of the fact that we are all laborers in this community; practically every citizen is included, for who among the number who does not, to a greater or less extent, perform manual labor?

Nature studies should be found in all grades of public schools, from the kindergarten to the college; that it is of the utmost importance since it appeals to our practical life, and for developing our highest and best good by bringing us close to nature's heart and to nature's God.

MEN have various ways of carrying money. Grocers, butchers and millers carry it in a wad; bankers in clean bills, laid at full length in a pocketbook; brokers only fold the bill once, doubling the money, as it were. The young business man carries it in his vest pocket; farmers and drovers in their inside pockets, whether \$50 or 50 cents. Printers usually carry their money in other people's pockets.

President Roosevelt has made it clear to even the most obtuse and suspicious minded, that his first word was final, regarding his candidacy for another term.

Everybody, including the politicians, and Justice Brewer of the U. S. Supreme Court, understand now that Roosevelt is a man of his word; who uses words to express and not to conceal his meaning.

In fact, everybody so understood from the first, except a few uneasy political schemers and Justice Brewer of the U. S. Supreme Court. The intelligent, honest-minded masses of the American people know and understand Theo-

dore Roosevelt, and know that he does not play at "hide and seek" with any public question or issue. The American people would be glad and would be "delighted" to have Theodore Roosevelt as President for another four years, but they understand he has served the people faithfully and well through eight years of life strenuous enough to exhaust the strongest and has earned the right to lay down the great office of Chief Executive of this great country. President Roosevelt has fifteen months to serve as president from the 4th day of next month and there will doubtless be "something doing" during those months; and furthermore, it may be set down as an assured fact, that Theodore Roosevelt will remain the leader after he has ceased to be the President of the American people. It will be found that Roosevelt out of office will be as great a power as Roosevelt in office.

We would respectfully call to the attention of Paul Pinckney, editor of the San Mateo (anti-smelter) Times, to the following clippings cut from exchanges by our scissors editor:

The Guggenheims for their American Smelter Securities Company have taken an option on 1,500 acres of land in Contra Costa county on the Straits of Carquinez, near Martinez, as a site for a new smelter.

This means a final abandonment of the site they bought two years ago at Point San Bruno, seven or eight miles south of this city, and where they spent \$1,600,000, mostly for a 1,000-acre site, and planned to erect a \$7,000,000 smelter plant.

Wealthy San Franciscans owning homes at San Mateo, Burlingame, Millbrae and elsewhere, organized to fight the scheme on the ground that fumes from the smelter would destroy vegetation for miles in one of the most beautiful sections of California. The Guggenheims failed to make a compromise with these people and that explains why they have sought another location.—San Francisco Examiner.

SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 18.—The board of town trustees are ready to fight the proposed Guggenheim smelter at San Mateo. Dr. F. W. d'Evelyn, head of the county smelter protest committee, A. A. Cunningham, city chemist of Alameda, will address a mass meeting tomorrow night at St. Joseph's hall. Dr. W. A. Clark of the county infirmary, will be present and an address in Portuguese will be given by J. M. Santana. It is proposed to convince the farmers of the vicinity that fumes from the plant carried across the bay by the winds would greatly damage vegetable growth on this side of the bay.—S. F. Call.

THE HOME PAPER.

BUT few of our readers, we imagine, ever give a thought to the value of this paper to the community. The home paper has an influence for good that is hard to overestimate. It moulds public opinion; it does well its part in protecting and preserving the government. It takes the place of a standing army in guarding the liberties of the people; it teaches your children morality, truth and power; it brings many rich blessings to the homes it visits with but little financial reward for its labors, and in too many instances not any. The home paper is the mirror in which those at a distance see us. It is the plain duty of all who are interested in our town to take personal interest in the town's paper and assist in every way possible in making it a true representative of our intelligent and hospitable people as well as our enterprising and rapidly developing little city. Send the paper to your friends, bring us the news and do your duty by your home paper and it will meet you more than half way. When you help your home paper you help your town and indirectly help yourself, for we are equally interested in our town and community.

FRESNO MEETING OF COUNTIES COMMITTEE

The Counties Committee of The California Promotion Committee held its eighth semi-annual meeting at Fresno on Saturday, December 14th and discussed the theme of "Marketing California's Products."

One hundred and two delegates were present, representing sixty commercial and civic organizations, every county in the State having representation in the deliberations. After the usual preliminaries of opening the session by Chairman Sbarboro and the welcoming address by President John A. Neu, of the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce, papers were read as follows.

Preparing California products for market, by P. H. Rice, of Santa Barbara County; California's consumptive demand, by George Henderson, of Humboldt County; Broadening of the outside markets for California products, by B. A. Woodford, of Los Angeles County; Establishment of free market by the State, by W. V. Stafford, president of the San Francisco Harbor Commission; Marketing of California's Products, by William E. Smythe, of San Diego County; Desirability of use of California products against outside products, by George W. Pierce, of Yolo County; Interchange of products in the State, by G. W. Cartwright, Fresno County; California products at home, by Herbert Burdett, Los Angeles County; These were followed by general discussion.

Resolutions were adopted by the convention advocating the enforcement of law compelling common carriers to improve service regarding car shortages, demurrages, and unjust exactions and discriminations; urging co-operation between producers, shippers and carriers; the establishment of destination points for distribution purposes; endorsing the suggestion of The California Promotion Committee that card receivers be placed on the cars, calling on civic and commercial organizations to aid in having California products used to better advantage in hotels and restaurants; calling on the Governor to secure information for European countries regarding market methods; wider publicity on importation of products that should be raised in California; Thanking Fresno county for courtesies; Thanking the press of the State for material assistance in promotion work; Regarding the power of the State Board of Forestry; endorsing the work the Monterey Tree Growing Club. Urging co-operation of commercial and civic organizations; Endorsing the suggestion and work of The California Promotion Committee toward a United Pacific States.

Following the meeting a banquet was given to the visitors by the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce at which many felicitous speeches were made.

On Sunday, December 15, a special train carried the delegates to Reedley and to the Waktake vineyard and winery, where luncheon was served.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Counties Committee at Santa Cruz on May 9, 1908. This decision was reached after a spirited debate over the merits of Berkeley, Monterey, Long Beach, Modesto and Santa Cruz, as each of these cities put forward a special invitation for the honor.

Following the suggestion made at the meeting a committee on program for the Santa Cruz meeting has been appointed by Chairman Rufus P. Jennings, of the California Promotion Committee consisting of H. A. Van C. Torchiana, of Santa Cruz; Geo. W. Pierce, of Yolo County; William E. Smythe, of San Diego County; Herbert Burdett, of Los Angeles County; W. D. Reynolds, of Sonoma County.

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WELL-KNOWN SOUTH CITY PEOPLE MARRIED

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McEwen in South San Francisco, a very pretty wedding was solemnized at 5 p. m. the 18th of December, the contracting parties being Mr. Nelson McCuen and Mrs. Flora Werner, brother and sister respectively of the host and hostess. The couple took their places in the bay window of the spacious parlors to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Mr. Kenneth Loomis, organist of St. Paul's Church. The impressive ceremony was solemnized by the Reverend Edwin D. Kizer. The bride was tastefully attired in a dress of cream colored chiffon panama, with valenciennes trimming. After congratulations an elegant collation was served. The rooms were daintily decorated with potted plants and Christmas berries. A number of costly presents were received, consisting of silver and cut glass. The groom is connected with the Southern Pacific Company in Oakland. The bride has been a prominent resident of South San Francisco for a number of years, and is highly esteemed. The couple left on the evening train for Los Angeles, where the honeymoon will be spent. Only the relatives and near friends were present. The bride's traveling dress was a handsome London smoke broadcloth. Mr. and Mrs. McCuen will be at home at their residence in Fruitvale after February 1, 1908.

STORES OF SOUTH CITY MERCHANTS TO CLOSE EARLIER

The merchants of South City have perfected an understanding with each other to the end that beginning the first of the year all retail stores will be closed at 8 p. m. instead of 9 p. m. as now prevails. It is believed that all can do their trading prior to 8 p. m. without inconvenience. It is also desired to give clerks a shorter workday so that they can get home to their families earlier. The new rule is a splendid one, and customers should do everything in their power to aid in the movement by making their purchases earlier.

The Enterprise a Four Flusher.

Just the day before the cutoff was opened the announcement was made in the South San Francisco ENTERPRISE that the "South City Cutoff Celebration Has Been Called Off." So it was a bluff, after all. Oh! what an awful four flusher that ENTERPRISE was.—Palo Alto Citizen.

Now, Hath, old boy, it was a pretty good bluff, and advertised South City all over the country. But, seriously, nearly \$1200 was subscribed by citizens of South City to have the celebration, which would have been held in a first-class manner had the weather permitted.

Methodist Church Services.

Pastor's subjects, Sunday, 11 a. m., "The Fraternal Spirit"; 7.30, "The End of Man." The P. and A. M. will be present at morning service.

First Death on Cutoff.

Monday, at about noon, while trying to cross the track at the Butler Road crossing, a Japanese laborer was struck by one of the fast bay shore trains and instantly killed. This is the first victim of the new line.

Grace Episcopal Church services Sunday, December, 22nd., morning prayer and sermon, 11.15 a. m., "Christmas morning, Holy communion and sermon by Rev. D. C. Gardner, of Palo Alto. Sunday after Christmas services will be conducted by Rev. W. S. Stone, of San Francisco.

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CHRISTMAS '07.

Rejoice, for unto us this day a son is born,
A precious gift this Christmas morn;
For unto earth, God's Son is given,
There's peace on earth and joy in heaven.
The Prince of Peace shall be His name
And heavenly angels shall proclaim,
The mystery of His wondrous birth;
God made man to visit earth.
Today the Christian world shall sing
The anthems of the new-born King,
In wondrous fame and temple lowly,
Glad praise ascends to God most holy.
One universal song of gladness,
There are no minor notes of sadness,
There's joy in heaven and joy on earth
To celebrate the Saviour's birth.
Far off on oceans expanse wide
The sailor when 'tis Christmas tide,
Thinks of home so far away;
His heart is there on that glad day.
And those, who are far away from home,
Their thoughts will wander, where they roam;
And as the Christmas tide draws near,
Their friends and home will be more dear.
Then let none within our gates today,
With empty arms be sent away;
Let generous hearts be opened wide,
This happy, happy Christmas tide.
CARRIE E. WINTERHALTER
South San Francisco, December 19, 1907.

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United Railroads Company.
San Francisco, December 18th.—For some time past we have been endeavoring to get relief for those of our people who have had to use the Eighth and Kentucky street cars between the hours of 5 and 6 p. m. daily.

The large crowd who leave the Union Iron Works, Risdon Iron Works, Western Sugar Refinery Co., a little after 4 p. m., crowd the cars in such vast numbers that it has been difficult for any one else to get accommodated with car service after that hour. The complaint has been made that sometimes between 4:45 and 5:45 not a single car would go over that road leading to Sixteenth and Bryant for about three quarters of an hour.

We have called the attention of the railroad to this trouble a number of times recently. We now have the pleasure of stating that we believe we are on the road to getting satisfactory service from the United Railroads at that time of the day. Efforts are now being made by the superintendent of the railroad to see that special deputies will undertake to so regulate the cars as to give better service than we have had for some time past. It certainly will be hailed as a great boon by all

passengers who have to use these cars after 5 p. m.

Committee Appointed by Our Board Of Directors.

Mr. F. W. Marvin and Isidore Jacobs were appointed a Committee from our association to the convention of the Counties Committee, California Promotion Committee, at Fresno, held on the 14th inst.

Crosstown Car Line.

We have endorsed and approved the action of the Devisadero Street Improvement Association in endeavoring to procure a crosstown car line and have appointed as our representative, Director G. A. Buell to co-operate with that association in procuring this much needed car line.

Union Depot.

This association, as usual, has taken the lead in building up a sentiment in favor of a much needed improvement to our city, and have appointed F. W. Marvin, Isidore Jacobs and Joseph W. Rolph as a committee to have the transportation company entering this city erect and establish a centrally located depot.

LITERATURE IS WANTED

The California Promotion Committee has broadened its work so greatly that it can scarcely keep pace with the constant demand made upon it for literature regarding various parts of the State. Through its Eastern Bureau in New York and other American and foreign agencies and its headquarters in San Francisco the Committee is distributing literature, and if any part of the State desires to keep up with the procession it must see to it that a liberal supply of literature is constantly on hand at the headquarters of the Committee.

It must not be forgotten in this connection that there is a constantly increasing demand for information regarding California, and the offices of The California Promotion Committee are besieged with inquiries which can best be answered by literature. The lectures that are being delivered throughout the East by the manager of the Eastern Bureau increase this demand, and it is simply impossible to keep up the information about the State unless the local organization co-operate and keep up the supply of literature.

The Committee makes no charge for distributing this literature, and in addition to this important fact it has such a complete system of distribution that every piece of literature it gives out goes to some one who will read it. In other words all the literature that is sent to the Committee is effective and none is wasted.

See to it that this county is well represented on the literature counter of The California Promotion Committee, as complaint is made that requests for such literature throughout the country cannot be fully met.

THE LITTLE RED HEN.

L. P. Hathaway, editor of the Palo Alto "Citizen," remarked recently that eggs were five cents apiece, despite the fact that the country was full of chickens. Then Smith of Los Gatos wrote some doggerel about the fullness of the hen, and Smith of Mountain View added something in the way of a climax, which also twitted the poor hen. Now, it seems to "The Tattler" that George Ade redeemed the hen in the eyes of the entire world when he declared solemnly at a banquet in Chicago—

"Said the little red rooster to the little red hen:
'You haven't laid an egg in God knows when.'
Said the little red hen to the red rooster:
'Well, you don't come around as often as you uster.'
So, gentlemen, don't poke any more fun at the poor hen. It may not be her fault.—The Tattler, San Jose.

Oh, fudge! Import some South City roosters. Eggs are so plentiful here, that the school children play happily with them on the beautiful hillsides of this locality.

An Ax to Grind.

The familiar expression, "An ax to grind," frequently attributed to Benjamin Franklin, originated with Charles Miner, who introduced the following tale of woe in a short, pithy essay published in a country newspaper of Pennsylvania during the year 1811: A little boy is asked by a man with an ax and an engaging smile if his father has a grindstone, and, the family being in proud possession of that implement of welfare, the youngster leads the way into the back-yard.

"What a fine little fellow you are!" exclaims the stranger, quite casually, as though scarcely conscious of speaking loud. Of course the boy becomes at once his most obedient servant and, by more well directed praise, brings water to whet the wheel and heroically turns the grindstone until his small hands sting with blisters. But the moment the ax is ground its owner calls his little fetch and carry slave "rascal," crushes his newborn manly pride by bidding him hurry off to school.—Los Angeles Times.

An Auction Room Incident.

It was an auction sale on Market street, and the auctioneer was disgusted. He had offered a watch and chain which he claimed to be worth \$22. The first bid was \$1, and he could not get a second. "I'll find out if there is an ounce of nerve in this crowd," said he, and, taking a one dollar note from his wallet, he held it up and asked for bids. A laugh went through the crowd, but for a couple of minutes no one bid on the note. "Come on," said the auctioneer. "What is the matter? Don't you think the bill is good?" After another moment the voice of a small boy was heard. "Five cents," he said. "That's the game," said the auctioneer. "Who'll make it 10?" A man in the crowd bid 10 cents, and the boy raised it to 15. The bidding went on until the little fellow had got to 95 cents, when the auctioneer handed him the note. He gave the auctioneer another note and got a nickel change. The auctioneer then treated the crowd to a lecture on courage.—Philadelphia Record.

Saw His Own Finish.

Some time ago the wife of Judge Blank lost her cook, and, since she had no other resource, she rolled up her sleeves and for a week provided such meals as the judge had not enjoyed since those happy days when the Blanks did not keep a cook. The judge's delight was so great that by way of appreciation he presented Mrs. Blank with a beautiful ermine cloak. Quite naturally the incident was a good deal noised about among the social acquaintances of the Blanks and a spirit of envious emulation was developed in certain quarters. It was in this mood that Mrs. Jerome recited the story to her husband.

"What do I get, Jerry," she asked, "if I will do the cooking for a week?" "Well," said Mr. Jerome, "at the end of a week, my dear, you'll get one of those long crape veils."—Argonaut.

An Oversight.

"I want to pay this bill," he said at the hotel bar, "but I think you have made a slight error here in my favor. I've been reading over the extras, and I cannot find that you have charged anything for telling me you thought it might rain."

When She Goes to the Theater.

"I just don't want any seats at all unless they're good ones. The last time I was here I sat behind a post, and I said right then that I'd never come into the place again if I think those over there might do— Huh! Um-m-m! Mighty funny how all the good seats are taken before the box office opens.

"No, I don't want those. There's a post in the way, and, besides, the Wotshname family always sit there and chatter through the whole play. Yes, there is a post too. I guess I've been in this theater before. I wouldn't mind those, but they're right by the bass drum, and you can't hear yourself talk.

"What! Two dollars apiece for that kind of show? And not next to the aisle, either. Lots of people say you can see just as good and hear better in the balcony, anyhow. Well, you can give me those two down there. They're not as good as I'm used to having, but I guess— No, I don't believe I'll take them, either.

"Can't you lay aside those two, and those two, and those two for me, and when I decide I'll send my husband around after them? Huh? Well, I think you're very unaccommodating. What? Of course I want to buy seats. Just you give me those two, young man, without any comment of any kind. Impertinent!"—Indianapolis News.

America Alone Has Humming Birds.

Though the art museums of Europe may have some treasures of which America cannot boast, our continent has the distinction of a monopoly of the world's supply of humming birds, the gems of all the feathered creation. Of these there are said to be some 400 species—the Four Hundred we may well call them—nearly all of which are peculiar to the tropical regions. Only eighteen cross the borders of the United States from Mexico and occur only in our southwestern states. The popular idea is that the hummer lives only on honey gathered from flowers. This is a mistake. The bird does secure some honey, but its food consists mainly of the small insects which frequent the flowers. Some of these insects are injurious to the blossom, and the tiny bird fulfills a useful function in destroying them. That the hummer is insectivorous is also shown by its habit of catching tiny insects on the wing, which is occasionally observed.—H. K. Job in Outing Magazine.

France's Roads Best in the World.

Among the reasons which make the highways of France the best in the world is the requirement that all preliminary roadmaking operations shall be thoroughly performed. When embankments are made the earthwork is built up only a few inches at a time, and the successive strata are leveled and in the neighborhood of masonry rammed. Every ditch is carefully cut at a proper angle, rammed and if necessary paved with stones. Dangerous turns are protected by stone parapets. At each crossroad there are signposts, always in order, and the Touring club of France has established indicators to remind the tourist of dangerous curves, rapid descents, etc. Every railroad crossing is protected by a gate, which has a watchman in charge day and night.—Leslie's Weekly.

Extravagance of the New Yorker.

Is not the native New Yorker the prey and the plaything of the waiter, the cabman, the ticket speculator and the market man? Does he not pay two prices for food in the glittering Broadway cafe and then, after waiting an hour, receive a cold, dead portion of something that he didn't order and never would think of ordering unless delirious? Does he not recognize that the legal tariff of cab charges is pure fiction and fork over what the weather beaten Rube Burrows on the top of the hansom may demand? Does he not—But, oh, what's the use! The scales they weigh him on at birth give false returns, and at his funeral the undertaker charges his estate for extra carriages that never show up.—I. S. Cobb in New York World.

Interested.

"I had a narrow escape from being run over this morning," remarked Johnson. "Hughes, who was with me, only saved me by showering blows on the horse's head with an umbrella. Just as the umbrella broke the animal stopped, and I was pulled out from beneath the wheels of the wagon."

"Had the umbrella a silver handle shaped like a shepherd's crook?" asked his friend Binks anxiously.

"I didn't notice particularly, and, besides, he broke it to pieces stopping the horse. Why?"

"Nothing; only he borrowed mine yesterday."—Pearson's.

Crushing a Bore.

Young Borem (back from traveling in Europe)—And so, you see, I didn't take the advice of that fellow who said, "See Naples and die!"

Miss Sharpe (with a yawn)—What a pity!

VISITACION VALLEY NEWS

Christmas Services.

The Christmas services of the St. James' Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday night, December 22, 1907. Rev. Lynn T. White will deliver the Christmas sermon. The choir will have a treat for the congregation. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Sunday School will hold its exercises on Monday evening, December 23d. The Christmas tree will be a sight to delight the children. The programme has been carefully selected. The children have been trained by Mrs. A. A. Russell, Mrs. Sherbrook and Mrs. A. D. Burnett. Mrs. P. H. Burnett is in charge of the decorating committee. Associated with her is Misses Gladys Russell, Juanita Elam and Cynthia Sexton.

Greater San Francisco Delegates.

At a recent meeting of the Central Committee of South End Improvement Clubs it was proposed that the South End Improvement Clubs send a delegate to the Greater San Francisco Convention.

Mayor Taylor Favors Parks.

Mayor Taylor has promised the members of the South End Improvement Clubs to visit the site of the proposed Bay View Park. The mayor is anxious that the Mission and the South End districts be given additional parks, believing that their crowded condition and rapid growth makes them necessary for the health and comfort of the people living there. "I think there ought to be two parks of 200 acres each south of Market street,"

All Alone.

Some legends, especially those with a moral, die hard. A little boy had told a fib with the carelessness of imaginative childhood and was receiving the conventional rebuke, coupled with the threat that the conventional reward of the future would not be his unless he told the truth.

"Won't there be anybody in heaven who has told a story?" asked the small boy, much interested.

"No, dear," answered his teacher at a venture.

The small boy drew a long breath of deep reflection. "How jolly dull for George Washington!" he remarked.—London Chronicle.

England in Virginia.

If an Englishman wants to feel at home at once in the United States he must go to Virginia. I was spoiled everywhere, but nowhere more than in Virginia. They love England there with a special affection, are very proud of their English ancestry, and at an old Virginia country house such as we visited during the week at Richmond you might easily fancy yourself in an old park in Sussex or Worcestershire.—Bishop of London in London Diocesan Magazine.

His Method.

"Your speech sounded fine," said the attentive listener, "but, do you know, I can't remember half a dozen words of it."

"That's good," answered Senator Sorghum. "The art of speechmaking consists in pleasing the ear without furnishing any data for subsequent contradiction."—Washington Star.

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said the mayor. "There ought to be also at least two playgrounds for the children. The city south of Market street is woefully in need of parks, and it would be only just to the residents of that portion of the city if the new bond issue provided for them.

Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowdall of Glen Ellen were at Visitation on Monday last.

H. J. Summers, of 1148 Market street opens his fine new store to-day. Mr. Summers has rented a store in the Dowdall Building next to the corner of Peabody street and has fitted it up with a complete stock of ladies' and gents' furnishing goods and notions. He has also a full line of hat and shoes. Mr. Summers has shown good judgment by appointing Richard Plamondon as manager of the new store. "Dick" is one of the most popular "boys" in Visitation Valley.

Indications are that the coming election of the Visitation Valley Improvement Club will be a lively one. The new by-laws gives the Executive Committee extraordinary power. The new committee will consist of the President and Secretary with three members elected by popular choice. A seat on the Executive Committee is much coveted by many ambitious candidates.

The Visitation Valley Athletic Association will meet hereafter every Wednesday evening in the Improvement Club's Hall, at the Six Mile House.

The Visitations are viewing with pleasure the splendid road that Supervisor Eikerenkotter is making just below the county line.

Artesian Wells.

The theoretical explanation of the phenomenon is easily understood. The secondary and tertiary geological formations often present the appearance of immense basins, the boundary or rim of the basin having been formed by an upheaval of adjacent strata. In these formations it often happens that a porous stratum, consisting of sand, sandstone, chalk or other calcareous matter, is included between two impermeable layers of clay so as to form a flat porous U tube, continuous from side to side of the valley, the outcrop on the surrounding hills forming the mouth of the tube. The rain filtering down through the porous layer to the bottom of the basin forms there a subterranean pool, which, with the liquid or semiliquid column pressing upon it, constitutes a sort of huge natural hydrostatic bellows. Sometimes the pressure on the superincumbent crust is so great as to cause an upheaval or disturbance of the valley. It is obvious, then, that when a hole is bored down through the upper impermeable layer to the surface of the lake the water will be forced up by the natural law of water seeking its level to a height above the surface of the valley, greater or less, according to the elevation of the level in the feeding column, thus forming a natural fountain on precisely the same principle as that of most artificial fountains, where the water supply comes from a considerable height above the jet.

A Perfumed Caravan.

Everybody knows how subtle, penetrating and permanent is the rich perfume of attar of roses. The larger part of the world's supply of this delicious scent is made in Persia, where there are many hundreds of acres devoted to the cultivation of roses for this purpose. At certain seasons of the year long caravans of donkeys, laden with attar, and under guard of soldiers to protect the rich booty from attacks by robbers, journey from central Persia to the little port of Bushire, whence it is exported to Bombay. Other donkey trains similarly escorted proceed to ports on the Caspian sea, which, after Hindustan, are the largest consumers of the costly luxury. When the wind is in the right direction the approach of one of these caravans is announced by the scent long before it can be seen, and the line of its progress can be traced by the odor for days after it has passed by.

Her Own Money.

Husband—What! Another new dress? Wife—Well, don't be so cross. I bought it with my own money. Husband—Your own? Where did you get it from? Wife—I sold your fur coat.—Boelan.

The upper crust of society depends on the amount of dough underneath.—Philadelphia Record.

CHRISTMAS!!

WHAT SHALL I GIVE HIM?

A Few Suggestions:

A nice Smoking Jacket	\$5.00 and up
A Nice Bath Robe	\$4.00 and up
A Pair of Fancy Suspenders	50c to \$1.50
A Silk Reefer (all colors)	50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00
A Handsome Necktie	25c, 50c, 75c
A Handsome Scarf Pin	25c, 35c, 50c
A Silk Handkerchief	50c, 75c, \$1.00
A Fancy Golf Shirt	\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50
A pair of Cuff Links	50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00
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Some people won't accept any evidence except patent medicine testimonials.

Times come to every optimist when he has to lie a good deal to live up to his reputation.

A plug girl, if she is young, can pass anywhere for a princess if she can keep her father and brothers out of sight.

Every man flatters himself that he will finally whip his enemy, and that he will give him a good one when he gets at him.

When you begin to argue that Love is greater than Law, look out. You are baring your neck for the ax of public opinion.

Not being a farmer, a pool player, or fond of sentimental poetry, we are unable to derive much satisfaction from a rainy day.

What has become of the old-fashioned bridal couple who had their pictures taken with the bride leaning on the groom's shoulder?

Every man who has strong, worthy qualities comes to the front, but many of the best women are buried in homes, and are never heard of.

It is a wonder that the very deaf do not become agents; the very deaf would take up twice as much time as the man who can hear.

We don't intend to ever let any one in future remind us of the busy bee. We are facing a honey famine, it is said, all due to the laziness of the bee.

Deadly East Indian Duels.

There are a good deal of savagery and stolid disregard of death left in the east yet despite the advance of civilization, and this extends to the so called sports of the people. Thus among the natives of Baroda there obtains still a kind of gladiatorial display in the shape of a fearful fist fight wherein the contestants wear a very formidable cestus of steel studded with murderous spikes. The duellists—usually big, brawny, athletic men who have been infuriated for the occasion with copious drafts of opium in which hemp is infused—enter the arena singing and set to with deliberate intent to kill, one or both invariably succumbing.

Life of Leisure.

There are still a few who are leisurely in their hours of freedom, but what about the old life of leisure? It used to be thought that such a life was innocent and admirable and that good fruit might come of it. But nowadays the man who does nothing but meditate and observe and write a little is a man condemned by the ordinary opinion of society.—London Reader.

British English.

Englishman—I say, ye know, what's the bookage to Boston? Railroad Ticket Clerk—The whatage? Englishman—The bookage, ye know—the tariff. What's the tariff? Ticket Clerk—I haven't time to talk politics.—New York Weekly.

There is always reason in the man for his good or bad fortune.—Emerson.

Loaded Ivory.

An ivory dealer uttered a cry of rage.

"Done again!" he said. "Done out of \$50!"

And he laid aside one of the tusks from the great heap that he had been examining.

"It is ballasted with lead," he said.

"That is a common Kongo trick. The native when he gets a good big tusk of eighty pounds or so melts up ten or fifteen pounds of lead and pours it down into the tusk's hollow. He fills it, so to speak, as a dentist fills a tooth.

"We dealers know the dodge, and every tusk is gone over carefully for a lead filling. My new trader, though, is rather careless, and this is the second filled tusk that has been worked off on him in the last quarter."

The dealer's frown vanished, and he smiled.

"Of course the trader and not I will have to stand the loss," he said.—Minneapolis Journal.

Old Age Is Selfish.

A lady residing in a quiet village in Suffolk used to take an interest in a very aged couple who were spinning out the last thread of life in "Darby and Joan" fashion, seated on either side of their fireplace. She often paid them a visit to cheer them up. The old man had been ailing, and at last a day came when the visitor found only one chair occupied. Darby was not in his usual place.

"Where is your husband?"

"Well, mum, he be gone at last."

"Oh, I'm so sorry! That is very sad for you," said the lady, seeking to find words of consolation.

"Yes, mum, it be sad," replied the old woman, "but, then, you see, he were fearfully in the way of the oven."

—Pearson's Weekly.

Grounds For Suspicion.

The artist came in and seated himself with a foreign and unaccustomed air, a slight something of hauteur the woman thought.

"My landlord," he began, "came to me this morning and told me to have anything I wanted done in the way of improvements in my apartments. He told me to spare no expense."

The woman looked at him hard.

"I begin to suspect you," said she, "of having paid your rent."—New York Press.

Fish Have No Eyelids.

Goldfish do not close their eyes because they have no eyelids. There exist in fishes no genuine eyelids, but in some (mackerel and sea mullet) there is a transparent film over the anterior surface of the eyeball, and in certain sharks there is a nictitating or winking membrane that is regulated by a special muscle.—St. Nicholas.

The Converse.

"Is success a crime?"

"I would not say that," answered the conservative citizen, "but I must state that crime seems to be a success in some quarters."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Self forgetfulness in love for others has a foremost place in the ideal character and represents the true end of humanity.—Peabody.

Her Bribe.

Unattractive Maiden Aunt—Goodby, Jottie. Come soon again. I hope you'll forgive my not kissing you, but I have an awful cold. Jottie (aged six)—Never mind. Do kiss me, auntie. Mother said she'd give me 5 cents if I'd let you.—Exchange.

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The Opal Serpent

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

I. Paul Beecot, son of wealthy parents, leaves his home in the country owing to the tyranny of his father and goes to London to make his way as a writer of stories. He meets Grexon Hay, an old school friend. Paul has a peculiar opal brooch fashioned in the shape of a serpent. Hay appears to be anxious to buy it.

II. Paul falls in love with Sylvia Norman, the daughter of Aaron Norman, a London bookseller and pawnbroker. Paul offers to pawn the opal brooch with Norman, but the latter falls in a faint when he sees the jewel.

III and IV. Mrs. Beecot, who gave the opal serpent to her son Paul, writes him that her husband had obtained the brooch at a pawnshop in Stowley, and that subsequently the pawnbroker had tried to get it back, saying that the pledger had called for it. Paul is injured by being run over by an automobile, having stumbled in front of it as the result of Hay's falling against him.

V, VI and VII. Paul has lost the serpent in the automobile accident. An East Indian named Hokar visits Norman's store and leaves on the counter a small pile of brown sugar. Aaron Norman is murdered in the store that night, and his lips are found pinned together with the opal brooch.

VIII and IX. It develops that the opal serpent brooch had been pawned in Stowley twenty years before by a sailor. Aaron Norman's will devises everything to "my daughter." The will is signed "Lemuel Krill," which, it turns out, was Norman's right name.

X. A woman, with her daughter, Maud, appears. She announces that they are the wife and daughter respectively of Lemuel Krill and claim the fortune, thus casting a shadow upon Sylvia Norman's legitimacy. XI, XII and XIII—Paul Beecot and Detective Hurd of Scotland Yard set to work to find the murderer of Aaron Norman, alias Krill. Hurd suspects Hay, who is a shady character. Hay invites Paul to dinner at his rooms, and there Paul learns that Hay is to marry Maud Krill.

XIV and XV.—Mrs. Krill offers Paul an annuity if he will marry Sylvia and leave England forever. It is learned that Mrs. Krill had for many years been the proprietress of an inn called the Red Pig, at which twenty years before Lady Rachel Sandal, who was wearing the opal serpent brooch at the time, was murdered by strangulation. Maud had made so much noise on that occasion that Lemuel Krill (Aaron Norman) had silenced her by pinning her lips together with the opal brooch. Lemuel had then fled.

XVI. Sylvia explains to Paul her reasons for suspecting that the Indian Hokar had killed her father.

XVII.—Hurd learns that the sailor who pawned the opal serpent twenty years before was named Jessop.

XVIII.—Hurd goes to the Red Pig.

XIX and XX.—Jessop proves that he had nothing to do with either the murder of Lady Rachel Sandal or with that of Aaron Norman (Lemuel Krill). He knows a good deal, however, of the attendant circumstances of both murders.

(Continued)

Both young men protested again, but Aurora, anxious for her conversation with Hay, bundled them out of the flat and banged the door to when she heard them whistling below for a hansom. Then she went to the dining room.

"You come along to the drawing room," she said to Hay. "Miss Stably, stop here."

"I haven't got my shawl," bleated the old lady.

"Oh, bother!" Aurora ran to the other room, snatched up the shawl and saw Miss Stably sitting down to knit, while she led Hay back into the drawing room. He looked round when he entered.

"Where are they?" he asked, sitting down.

"Gone. But it's all right. I've made them promise not to say."

Grexon Hay didn't let her finish. He fell on his knees and kissed her hand. His face was perfectly white, but his eyes were full of gratitude as he babbled his thanks. No one could have accused him of being cold then. But Miss Qian did not approve of this emotion, natural though it was.

"Here, get up!" she said, snatching her hand away. "I've got to speak straight to you. I've done a heap for you. Now you've got to do a heap for me."

"Anything—anything," said Hay, whose face was recovering its normal color. "You have saved me—you have." "And much of a thing you are to save! You'll be cheating again in a week or so."

"No," cried Hay emphatically, "I swear I'll not touch a card again! I'll marry Maud and turn respectable. Oh, what a lesson I've had! You are sure those fellows won't speak?"

"No. That's all right. You can go on swindling as before, only," Miss Qian raised a finger, "you'll have to pay Sandal back some cash."

"I'll do that. Maud will lend me the money. Does he want all?"

"Oh, a couple of thousand will shut his mouth. I'll not see you left. It's all right, so sit up and don't shake there like a jelly."

"You're very kind to me," said Hay faintly.

"Don't you make any mistake. So far as I am concerned you might stick in the mud forever. I helped you because I want you to help me. I'm in want of money."

"I'll give you some."

"Picked from that girl's pockets," said Aurora dryly. "No, thank you. It might dirty my fingers. Listen. There's a reward offered for the discovery of the murderer of Aaron Norman. I want to get that thousand pounds, and you can help me to."

Hay started to his feet with amazement. Of all the requests she was likely to make he never thought it would be such a one. "Aaron Norman's murder!" he said. "What do you know of that?"

"Very little, but you know a lot."

"I don't. I swear I don't."

"Pish!" said Miss Qian imperiously. "Remember I've got the whip hand, my boy. Just you tell me how Mrs. Krill came to strangle the—"

"Mrs. Krill?" Hay turned white again, and his eyeglass fell. "She had nothing to do with the matter. I swear!"

"Strikes me you swear too much, Mr. Hay. What about that opal brooch you stole from Beecot when he had the smash?"

"I didn't steal it. I never saw it at the time of the accident."

"Then you got that boy Tray to steal it."

"I knew nothing about the boy. Besides, why should I steal that opal serpent brooch?"

"You wanted to buy it from Beecot, anyhow?"

Hay looked puzzled. "Yes, for a lady."

"Mrs. Krill?"

"I admit that Mrs. Krill wanted it. She had associations connected with that brooch."

"I know," interrupted Aurora, glancing at the clock. "Don't waste time in talking of Lady Rachel Sandal's death!"

"How do you know about that?" stammered Hay, completely nonplused.

"I know a mighty lot of things. I may as well tell you," said Miss Qian coolly. "Since you daren't split, that I've got a lot to do with the secret detective service business. I'm helping another to hunt out evidence for this case, and I guess you know a lot."

The man quailed. He knew that he did not stand well with the police and dreaded what this fluffy little woman should do. Aurora read his thoughts.

"Yes," she said, "we know a heap about you at the Scotland Yard office, and if you don't tell me all you know I'll make things hot for you. This cheating tonight is only one thing. I know you are 'a man on the market,' Mr. Hay."

"What do you wish to hear?" asked Hay, collapsing.

"All about Mrs. Krill's connection with this murder."

"She has nothing to do with it. Really, she hasn't. Aaron Norman was her husband right enough."

"And he ran away from her over twenty years ago. But who told Mrs. Krill about him?"

"I did," confessed Hay volubly and seeing it was best for him to make a clean breast of it. "I met the Krills three years ago when I was at Bourne-mouth. They lived in Christchurch, you know."

"Yes. Hotel keepers. Well, what then?"

"I fell in love with Maud and went to Christchurch to stop at the Red Pig. She loved me, and in a year we became engaged. But I had no money to marry her, and she had none either. Then Mrs. Krill told me of her husband and of the death of Lady Rachel."

"Murder or suicide?"

"Suicide, Mrs. Krill said," replied Hay frankly. "She told me also about the opal brooch and described it. I met Beecot by chance and greeted him as an old school fellow. He took me to his attic and to my surprise showed me the opal brooch. I wanted to buy it for Mrs. Krill, but Beecot would not sell it. When next I met him, he told me that Aaron Norman had fainted when he saw the brooch. I thought this odd and informed Mrs. Krill. She described the man to me and especially said that he had but one eye. I went with Beecot to the Gwynne street shop, and a single glance told me that Aaron Norman was Lemuel Krill. I told his wife, and she wanted to come up at once. But I knew that Aaron was reported rich—which I had heard through Pash—and, as he was my lawyer, I suggested that the Krills should go and see him."

"Which they did, before the murder?"

"Yes. Pash was astonished, and, when he heard that Aaron Norman, as he called himself, had committed bigamy and that Sylvia"—

"Yes, you needn't say it," said Miss Qian angrily. "She's worth a dozen of that girl you are going to marry. But why did you pretend to meet Mrs. Krill and her daughter for the first time at Pash's?"

"To blind Beecot. We were standing at the door when the two came out, and I pretended to see them for the first time. Then I told Beecot that I had been introduced to Maud at Pash's office. He's a clever chap, Beecot, and, being engaged to Sylvia Norman, I thought he might find out too much."

"About the murder?"

Hay rose and looked solemn. "I swear I know nothing of that," he said decidedly, "and the Krills were as astonished as I when they heard of the death. They were going to see him by Pash's advice, and Mrs. Krill was going to prosecute him for bigamy unless he allowed her a good income. Death put an end to all that, so she made up the story of seeing the handbills, and then of course the will gave the money to Maud, who was engaged to me."

"The will, or what was called a will, gave the money to Sylvia," said Aurora emphatically. "But this brooch—you didn't take it?"

"No, I swear I didn't. Mrs. Krill wanted it, but I never knew it was of any particular importance. Certainly I would never have risked robbing Beecot, and I never told that boy Tray to rob either."

"Then who took the brooch?"

"I can't say. I have told you all I know."

"Hum!" said Aurora, just like her brother. "That will do tonight, but if I



"While he had the brooch I stuck to him."

ask you any more questions you'll have to answer, so now you can go. By the way, I suppose the brooch made you stick to Beecot?"

"Yes," said Hay frankly. "He was of no use to me, but while he had the brooch I stuck to him to get it for Mrs. Krill."

"Queer," said Aurora. "I wonder why she wanted it so much?" But this question Hay was unable to answer.

CHAPTER XXII.

AFTER all, Hurd did not send Jessop to town, as he threatened to do. Evidently the captain had told him all he knew and appeared to be innocent of Krill's death. But in spite of his apparent frankness the detective had an idea that something was being kept back, and what that something might be he determined to find out. However, his thoughts were turned in another direction by a note from Beecot, addressed to him at the Red Pig, asking him to come at once to the Jubilee-town laundry. "I believe we have discovered the person who stole the opal brooch from me," wrote Paul, "and Deborah had made a discovery connected with Norman which may prove to be of service."

Wondering what the discovery might be and wondering also who had taken the brooch, Hurd arranged that Jessop and Hokar should remain at Christchurch under the eyes of two plain clothes officials. These managed their duties so dexterously that Matilda Junk was far from guessing what was going on. Moreover, she informed the detective, who she thought was a commercial gent, that she intended to pay a visit to her sister, Mrs. Tawsey, and demanded the address, which Hurd gave readily enough. He thought that if Matilda knew anything, such as the absence of Mrs. Krill from the hotel during the early part of July, Deborah might induce her to talk freely. Hokar had proved a difficult subject. Whether he was too grateful to Mrs.

Krill to speak out or whether he really did not understand what was asked of him, he certainly showed a talent for holding his tongue. However, Hurd saw well enough that the man was afraid of the sahib's law and when matters came to a crisis would try and prove his innocence even at the cost of implicating others. Therefore, with an easy mind, the detective left these two witnesses being watched at Christchurch and repaired to town, where Aurora informed him of the interview with Hay. Billy approved of the way in which his sister had managed matters.

"I guessed that Hay was the man who put Mrs. Krill on the track of her husband," he said, with satisfaction, "but I wasn't quite sure how he spotted the man."

"Oh, the one eye identified him," said Aurora, who was eating chocolate as usual, "and Norman's fainting at the sight of the brooch confirmed Hay's belief as to who he was. I wonder he didn't make a bargain with Norman on his own."

Hurd shook his head. "It wouldn't have paid so well," said he wisely. "Norman would have parted only with a small sum, whereas this murder will bring in Hay a clear five thousand a year when he marries the girl. Hay acted cleverly enough."

"But I tell you Hay has nothing to do with the murder."

"That may be so, though I don't trust him. But Mrs. Krill might have strangled her husband so as to get the money."

"What makes you think she did?" asked Aurora doubtfully.

"Well, you see, from what Jessop says, Mrs. Krill is devotedly attached to Maud, and she may have been anxious to revenge her daughter on Krill. He acted like a brute and fastened the child's lips together, so Mrs. Krill treated him in the same way."

"Hum," said Miss Qian reflectively, "but can you prove that Mrs. Krill was in town on the night of the murder?"

"That's what I'm going to find out," said Hurd. "All you have to do is to keep your eyes on Hay."

"Oh, he won't cut, if that's what you mean. He thinks everything is square, now that I've got those boys to stop chattering. He'll marry Maud and annex the money."

"He may marry Maud," said Hurd emphatically, "but he certainly won't get the five thousand a year. Miss Norman will."

"Hold on," cried Aurora shrewdly. "Maud may not be Lemuel Krill's child, or she may have been born before Krill married the mother, but in any case Sylvia Norman isn't the child of a legal marriage. Krill certainly committed bigamy, so his daughter Sylvia can't inherit."

"Well," said Hurd, "I can't say. I'll see Pash about the matter. After all, the will left the money to 'my daughter,' and that Sylvia is beyond doubt, whatever Maud may be. And, I say, Aurora, just you go down to Stowley, in Buckinghamshire. I haven't time to look into matters there myself."

"What do you want me to do there?" "Find out all about the life of Mrs. Krill before she married Krill and came to Christchurch. She's the daughter of a farmer. You'll find the name in this." Hurd passed along a copy of the marriage certificate which Mrs. Krill had given to Pash. "Anne Tyler is her maiden name. Find out what you can. She was married to Krill at Beechill, Bucks."

Miss Qian took the copy of the certificate and departed, grumbling at the amount of work she had to do to earn her share of the reward. Hurd, on his part, took the underground train to Liverpool street station and then traveled to Jubileetown. He arrived there at 12 o'clock and was greeted by Paul.

"I've been watching for you all the morning," said Beecot, who looked flushed and eager. "Sylvia and I have made such a discovery!"

Hurd nodded good humoredly as he entered the house and shook hands with the girl.

"Miss Norman has been doing some detective business on her own account," he said, smiling. "Hello, who is this?"

He made this remark because Mrs. Purrr, sitting in a corner of the room, with red eyes, rose and dropped a courtesy.

"I'm called to tell you what I do tell on my Bible oath," said Mrs. Purrr, with fervor.

"Mrs. Purrr can give some valuable evidence," said Paul quickly.

"Oh, can she? Then I'll hear what she has to say later. First, I must clear the ground by telling you and Miss Norman what I have discovered at Christchurch."

So Mrs. Purrr, rather unwillingly, for she felt the importance of her position, was bundled out of the room, and Hurd sat down to relate his late adventures. This he did clearly and slowly and was interrupted frequently by exclamations of astonishment from his two hearers.

"So there," said the detective when finishing, "you have the beginning of the end."

"Then you think that Mrs. Krill killed her husband?" asked Paul dubiously.

"I can't say for certain," was the cautious reply, "but I think so on the face of the evidence which you have heard. What do you say?"

"Don't say anything," said Sylvia before Paul could reply. "Mr. Hurd had better read this paper. It was found by Deborah in an old box belonging to my father, which was brought from Gwynne street."

She gave the detective several sheets of blue foolscap pinned together and closely written in the shaky handwriting of Aaron Norman. Hurd looked at it rather dubiously. "What is it?" he asked.

"The paper referred to in that unfinished scrap of writing which was discovered behind the safe," explained Paul. "Norman evidently wrote it out and placed it in his pocket, where he forgot it. Deborah found it in an old coat she discovered in a box of clothes brought from Gwynne street. They were Norman's clothes and his box and should have been left behind."

"Debby won't hear of that," said Sylvia, laughing. "She says Mrs. Krill has got quite enough, and she took all she could."

"What's all this writing about?" asked Hurd, turning over the closely written sheets. "To save time you had better give me a précis of the matter. Is it important?"

"Very, I should say," responded Paul emphatically. "It contains an account of Norman's life from the time he left Christchurch."

"Hum!" Hurd's eyes brightened. "I'll read it at my leisure, but at the present moment you might say what you can."

"Well, you know a good deal of it," said Paul, who did the talking at a sign from Sylvia. "It seems that Norman—we'd better stick to the old name—left Christchurch because he was afraid of being accused of murdering Lady Rachel."

"Was she really murdered?"

"Norman doesn't say. He swears he knows nothing about the matter. The first intimation he had was when Jessop came down with the news after blundering into the wrong bedroom. But he hints that Mrs. Krill killed her."

"Can he prove that?"

"No; he can't give any proof, or, at all events, he doesn't. He declares that when his wife and daughter—"

"Oh, does he call Maud his daughter?"

"Yes. We can talk of that later," said Paul impatiently. "Well, then, Norman says he went fairly mad. Jessop had bolted, but Norman knew he would not give the alarm, since he might be accused himself of killing Lady Rachel. Maud, who had seen the body, wanted to run out and call the neighbors."

"How old does Norman say she was?"

"About fifteen—quite old enough to make things unpleasant."

"Then she can't inherit the money," said Hurd decisively.

"No," cried Beecot quickly; "both Sylvia and I think so. But, to go on with Norman's confession, he would not let Maud go. She began to scream, and he feared lest she should alarm the neighbors. He tied a handkerchief across her lips, but she got free and again began to scream. Then he cruelly fastened her lips together with the opal brooch."

"Where did he get that, if innocent?" "He declared that he spied it on the floor of the sitting room near his wife's feet and then hints that she strangled Lady Rachel to get it and turn it into money, as she was desperately in need of cash for Maud. Mrs. Krill idolized the child."

"I know that," snapped Hurd. "Go on."

"When Norman fastened the child's lips together Mrs. Krill threw herself on him in a rage. He knocked her insensible and then ran away. He walked through the night until at dawn he came to a distant railway station. There he took a ticket and went to London. He concealed himself until there was no chance of his being discovered and, besides, saw the verdict of the jury in the newspapers. But he was determined he would not go back to his wife because she threatened him."

"In what way?"

"Ah," said Paul, while Sylvia shuddered, "in a strange way. When he fastened the child's lips together Mrs. Krill said that she would do the same to him one day and with the same brooch."

Hurd uttered an exclamation. "So that was why she wanted the brooch so much!" he exclaimed eagerly.

"Yes. And she told Hay she wanted it, though she did not reveal her reason. She said if she got the brooch he would be allowed to marry Maud, with whom Hay was deeply in love. Hay stumbled across me by accident, and I happened to have the brooch. The rest you know."

"No," said Hurd, "I don't know how the brooch came into the possession of

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SAN BRUNO NOTES

The members of the Las Amigos Club of San Bruno gave a supper on Tuesday evening, December, 17th, at their headquarters in Pioneer Hall. The hall and tables were artistically decorated in red and white the club's colors. The tables fairly groaned with goodies, all being made by the fair young members.

After supper, music and singing were rendered. A quartet, "Old Black Joe" was sung by, Misses Leila Walsh, Edna Lloyd, Jean Kirk and Amelia Jenevein. "Love me and the world is mine" was sung by Margaret Venable and Bessie Kirk. Miss Mercy Silva played the guitar and sang "La Paloma," "Too Late" was sung by Florence Lloyd and Julia Jenevein, Miss Lovena Jenevein and Miss Jean Kirk playing the accompaniment on mandolins.

At 12 o'clock the young ladies departed for their homes declaring they had spent a very delightful time even if the "Glee Club" boys were not there.

The party was chaperoned by Mrs. G. L. Walsh.

The Club will give a Leap Year dance on January 11th, 1908.

Wm. Meyers and wife celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding on Saturday evening, December 7th, at their home in San Bruno. About thirty invited guests were present. A splendid collation was spread, and the evening's enjoyment consisted of speaking, dancing and music. It was wee sma' hours of morning before the guests departed.

An entertainment was given by the children of the San Bruno Park school last evening, consisting of songs, recitations, etc. It was under the management of the principal, Mrs. Loomis.

Curtis Trial Postponed.

A dispatch from Redwood City states that the trial of Henry Curtis, the South City saloon keeper, accused of murdering his son, has again been postponed until December 23d.

RAILROAD CROSSINGS TO BE INVESTIGATED

The supervisors of the San Mateo county have taken steps to investigate the railroad crossings within the limits of the county. Every month or so men have been killed either on the electric railroad crossings or by the trains of the Southern Pacific, and the accidents have been numerous.

Division Superintendent W. A. McGovern appeared before the supervisors in response to a communication from the clerk of that body. McGovern said that the corporation was ready to take the matter up and install safety appliances wherever they were needed, and asked for a list of the dangerous crossings.

Supervisor Eikerenkotter read a report of the bad crossings, and in reply McGovern said that at some of them gates and safety bells had been ordered and would be installed as soon as the material arrived.

It was finally decided that the supervisors make a special trip with Superintendent McGovern over the line of the company January 7. The inspection tour will start from Third and Townsend streets, the officials making the trip in a special train.

Representatives of the United Railroads company also will make the trip and their crossings will be inspected at the same time. This will be possible from the Southern Pacific tracks, as the United Railroads line parallels that of the railroad throughout the greater portion of San Mateo County.

\$50 REWARD,

Sheriff Chatham, of this county, offers a reward for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who waylaid and murdered James C. Jones, better known as Deacon Jones, on November 10th last, at Visitacion Valley.

FOR SALE CHEAP—New three room cottage.

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FRATERNAL ORDERS

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Wahnita Council, No. 35, Degree of Pocahontas, at its last session was visited officially by the Great Pocahontas, Mrs. Emma Sommer of Fresno, accompanied by the Great Chief. While the attendance of members was not large, the heart to heart talk of the Great Chiefs created considerable enthusiasm. The usual social time followed.

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Great preparations are in progress for the grand ball New Year's Eve, to be given by White Eagle Circle, No. 56. It will be a splendid affair.

Southern Pacific in Good Shape.

Julius Kruttschnitt, director of the Harriman lines arrived in San Francisco last week and in speaking of the growth of the Peninsula said: "The Southern Pacific is in good shape. All accumulations have been cleared up. There is no freight on the side tracks, and everything is moving forward regularly. One thing more than anything else has astonished me on this trip, and that is the development of the peninsula. There seems to be a continuation of villages all the way from South City to San Jose, and this building of small towns adjacent to San Francisco shows that the city must be prosperous."

PECK'S ADDITION

Local headquarters in Post Office building. The first section of lots now on the market. For price list and terms apply to the undersigned. Team to the door and no trouble to show the property.

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Have you noticed there are all kinds of fresh fruit and vegetables every day at Lind's Market. Nov. 2-tf